1	ORDINANCE NO. 24-04
2	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S LAND
3	DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 50-102 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF
4	FENCES AND WALLS IN FRONT YARDS WITHIN CERTAIN DEFINED OVERLAY AREAS AND CREATING
5	RESTRICTIONS FOR SUCH FENCES AND WALLS: PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND
6	AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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8	WHEREAS, the City of Belle Isle Land Development Code currently restricts fences
9	in front yards; and
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11	WHEREAS, the City wishes to allow fences and walls in front yards, set height
12	restrictions for such fences and walls, and create rules for the installation of
13	such fences and walls that will enhance the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and
14	property owners; and
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16	WHEREAS, the City further wishes to add additional fence and wall requirements
17	specific to the Hoffner Avenue overlay district, Lake Conway Estates sub-overlay
18	district, and the Daetwyler Drive overlay district due to those districts' unique
19	nature; and
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21	WHEREAS, the City finds that this Ordinance advances the interests of public
22	health, safety, and welfare.
23	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE,
24	FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:
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1	Section 1. <u>Recitals</u> . The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and				
2	confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance				
3	as legislative findings.				
4	Section 2. <u>City Code Amendment</u> . Section 50-102 in Chapter 50, Article IV				
5	of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, all as follows (words that are				
6	stricken out are deletions; words that are underlined are additions; stars * * *				
7	* indicate breaks between sections, subsections, or paragraphs and do not indicate				
8	changes to the City Code; provisions not included are not being amended):				
9	Sec. 50-102 Accessory structures.				
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11	(b) Fences and walls.				
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14	General requirements for fences, walls, and privacy screens. No fence, wall or				
15	privacy screen shall be installed, erected or maintained except in strict				
16	compliance with the following requirements:				
17	a. Metal fences, specifically manufactured as fencing, shall consist of new				
18	materials manufactured and/or treated in a manner to prevent rust and corrosion.				
19	b. Wood fences shall be constructed of new materials and painted, stained or				
20	preserved in a manner to maintain the fence in good structural condition.				
21	c. Plastic or other synthetic material fences shall be constructed of material				
22	specifically manufactured as fencing, only new such materials shall be used and				
23	they shall be treated and maintained in a manner to maintain the fence in good				
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structural condition and with an appearance that is aesthetically compatible with
the type of fence it represents.
d. Masonry walls shall be constructed of finished materials including, but not
limited to, concrete masonry units, precast concrete panels, bricks, concrete,
stucco, or stone.
e. Privacy screens shall be an integral part of the design of and have an
architectural texture, color, and material compatible with the residence on the
property.
f. The City may apply discretion for fence and wall permit issuance regarding fence
materials used among different yards.
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(5) Maximum height and permitted locations of fences, walls, and privacy
screens.
a. Except as provided in subsection (b)(5)b of this section, fences and walls
shall be limited to a maximum height of six feet above the natural grade in the
rear and side yards. No fences or walls shall be permitted in front yards. <u>The</u>
maximum height for a front yard fence or wall shall be four feet above the natural
grade. In the front yard, chain link fences shall be prohibited. Refer to section
41-4 regarding definitions of yards.
1. All gates shall maintain a minimum setback of 20 feet from the edge of the
roadway. Roadway shall indicate the improved or paved portion, but does not
include the entirety, of the right-of-way.
b. A maximum fence height of eight feet shall be permitted in the following
situations:
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The property line along which the fence will be installed abuts a boat ramp
facility, public park, or commercially zoned property.

3 2. The property owner constructing the fence has obtained the written consent 4 of all owners of property that either share a property line and property corner 5 along which the fence or wall will be installed and of any owner of the property 6 with a property line within 50 feet of the fence or wall to be installed.

7 c. Residential property owners shall not construct an additional fence or wall 8 that abuts any subdivision or commercial screening wall and can be viewed from the 9 abutting public right-of-way, street, sidewalk, or abutting other public access 10 areas.

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12 (7) Construction of fences or walls near Lake Conway. No fence or wall located 13 within 35 feet of the 86.9 contour line of Lake Conway's normal high water line 14 shall exceed four feet in height.

15 (8) Location along lot lines. A structural fence or wall shall be erected so 16 that the entire fence and all supporting structures are entirely on the owner's 17 property. Fence posts and all other supporting structures, as well as the rough 18 side of the fence, if any, shall face the owner's property, except when said fence 19 separates a residential lot from a business or industrial lot. No inspection or 20 any permit issued by the city shall be any evidence or guarantee that the fence 21 has been so correctly located on the subject property.

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(13) Obstruction of visibility. No fence or wall shall be constructed, nor shall anything be placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to obstruct or

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1	impair visibility of oncoming vehicular or pedestrian traffic from any intersecting
2	street, driveway or alley way.
3	a. An area clear of sight obstructions shall be provided between the height of 2.5
4	and 8 feet.
5	b. A clear view triangle for a driveway is formed on each side of the driveway by
6	measuring the distance of 70 feet along the right-of-way and 10 feet along the edge
7	of the driveway.
8	(14) Existing fences. Any fence or wall which is erected and in violation of this
9	chapter at the time of its passage shall be exempt from the requirements of this
10	chapter, excluding those requirements of 50-102(b)(11), unless such fence or wall
11	is deemed a traffic or safety hazard.
12	(15) Nonconforming fences. All fences, walls, or privacy screens in violation of
13	this chapter at the time of its passage shall be governed by the following
14	conditions: Any fence, wall, or privacy screen that is in violation of the section
15	and is determined to be a traffic or safety hazard shall be made to conform to
16	this chapter three months from such determination. No portion of a nonconforming
17	fence, wall, or privacy screen shall be enlarged, extended, or structurally
18	altered except to make it conform to this chapter.
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20	(17) Overlay Districts.
21	a. Hoffner Avenue
22	1. Fences and walls abutting Hoffner Avenue shall be limited to a maximum
23	height of six feet above the natural grade in the front yard.
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1	2. All gates shall maintain a minimum setback of 20 feet from the right-of-way
2	line abutting the private property line.
3	3. Lake Conway Estates Sub-overlay
4	i. Masonry walls within Lake Conway Estates adjoining Hoffner Avenue shall be
5	limited to a maximum height of eight feet above the natural grade within the
6	right-of-way, provided the wall conforms to the Belle Isle approved wall materials
7	and design requirements.
8	ii. A masonry wall may encroach within the northerly five feet and southerly
9	five feet of the Hoffner Avenue right-of-way in Lake Conway Estates, or a maximum
10	encroachment of ten feet with the City Council approval, providing that the wall
11	accommodates existing trees and utilities in the surrounding area and aligns with
12	the existing subdivision wall.
13	iii. All privately owned fences and walls shall be located on such private
14	property, shall not encroach into the Hoffner Avenue right-of-way, and must meet
15	all other requirements of this section.
16	b. Daetwyler Drive
17	1. Property owners may build an opaque fence or wall in the front yard at a
18	maximum height of six feet from the grade as it abuts the Daetwyler Drive right-
19	<u>of-way.</u>
20	2. All gates shall maintain a minimum setback of 20 feet from the right-of-way
21	line abutting the private property line.
22	Section 3. <u>Codification</u> . Section 2 of this Ordinance will be incorporated into
23	the Belle Isle City Code. Any section, paragraph number, letter and/or any
24	heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing.
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Grammatical, typographical, and similar or like errors may be corrected, and 1 2 additions, alterations, and omissions not affecting the construction or meaning of this Ordinance and the City Code may be freely made. 3 4 5 Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or 6 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive, 7 procedural, or any other reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate, 8 9 distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. 10 11 Section 5. Conflicts. In the event of a conflict or conflicts between this 12 13 Ordinance and any other Ordinance or provision of law, this Ordinance governs and 14 controls to the extent of any such conflict. 15 16 Section 6. Effective Dates. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately 17 upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of Belle Isle, Florida (the 18 "Effective Date") and shall apply to all applications for permits received on or 19 after the Effective Date. 20 21 First Reading held on September 3, 2024. 22 Second Reading held on October 15, 2024. 23 24 25 ORD 24-04 - 7 OF 8

1	ADOPTED at a regular me	eeting of the Ci	ty Commis.	sion of the	e City o	f Belle Isle,
2	Florida, held in City H	Hall, Belle Isle	e, on this	day	of	,
3	2023.					
4		YES		NO		ABSENT
5	Frank Vertolli				-	
6	Holly Bobrowski					
7	Danny Otterbacher					
8	Jason Carson					
9	Beth Lowell					
10	Stanley Smith				-	
11	Jim Partin				-	
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13	ATTEST:			CITY OF BE	LLE ISL	E
14	Yolanda Qu:	iceno, CMC-City	Clerk			
15				Nicholas F	'ouraker	, Mayor
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17	Approved as to form and	d legality				
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1	STATE OF FLORIDA
2	COUNTY OF ORANGE
3	I, Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk of the City of Belle Isle, do hereby certify that
4	the above and foregoing document ORDINANCE 24-04 was duly and legally passed by
5	the Belle Isle City Council, in session assembled on the day of
6	2024. At this session, a quorum of its members was present.
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9	Yolanda Quiceno, CMC-City Clerk
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